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Honorable Michael Leavitt, Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency P.O. Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

Attn: Chemical Right-to-Know

201-14936

Dear Administrator Leavitt:

Stepan Company is pleased to submit the proposed test plan along with the robust summaries for the chemical, Sodium Lauryl Sulfoacetate (Acetic Acid, sulfo-,1-dodecyl ester sodium salt), CAS# 1847-58-1. Stepan Company understands there will be a 120-day review period for the test plan and that all comments generated by or provided to EPA will be forwarded to Stepan Company for consideration.

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This submission is also being sent electronically to the following e-mail addresses:

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Enclosures: Assessment Report and Test Plan, Robust summaries on CAS# 1847-58-1

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